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## FEDERAL RADIO SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT CIRCULAR

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION Washington, D.C. 20230

Number 1

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December 10,1985

TO:

HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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SUBJECT:

Planning for Use of the Radio Spectrum in War

Emergencies

1. <u>PURPOSE</u>. The purpose of this Circular is to advise Federal departments and agencies of planning requirements for national security emergency preparedness telecommunications systems dependent on the radio spectrum for their operation.

## 2. AUTHORITY.

- a. Executive Order 12472 (49 Fed. Reg. 13471 (April 5, 1984)) assigns responsibility to the Secretary of Commerce for the development of plans and procedures concerning radio spectrum assignments, priorities, and allocations for use by Federal departments and agencies under all circumstances including those of crisis or emergency.
- b. The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Executive Office of the President, on July 30, 1984 designated the Secretary of Commerce to assist him in the development of a system of radio spectrum priorities. The Secretary of Commerce has delegated the responsibilities noted above to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information (Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)).
- 3. <u>BACKGROUND</u>. In response to Executive Order 12472, NTIA has developed "The Emergency Readiness Plan for the Use of the Radio Spectrum" (ERP). The ERP establishes a system of radio spectrum priorities and a plan for war emergency spectrum use, and is classified at the SECRET level. On July 29, 1985, the Director, OSTP, approved the plan.
- a. As requested by the Director, OSTP, the ERP has been fully coordinated with the National Communications System (NCS). The NCS Committee of Principals formally concurred in the plan on

- June 27, 1985. The Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) has provided advice and assistance to NTIA during the development of the plan, and will continue to assist in its further refinement and periodic updating.
- b. The ERP is intended to bring together as much useful information as possible to assist Federal telecommunications managers in war emergency situations, particularly when the President invokes his emergency powers under Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. §706). Federal departments and agencies that are represented on the IRAC have contributed to this compilation of spectrum management information. Additional information is needed, however, about certain war emergency usage and the associated spectrum priority indices, in order to reflect accurately each agency's anticipated requirements, and to assure that maximum compatibility is attained.
- c. The Director, OSTP, has specifically requested that 1) all Federal departments and agencies be advised that NTIA is acting on behalf of the Director in the development of the ERP; and 2) NTIA ensure that all agency war emergency spectrum planning data is incorporated into the plan. Further, the Director has requested that NTIA contact those departments and agencies that have not provided complete data to advise them of this requirement.
- d. The goal, shared by OSTP, NTIA, and each IRAC member, is to ensure that the ERP is as current and complete as possible. This will enable OSTP to take appropriate action in regard to the certification of spectrum priority indices as required in Executive Order 12472, and will result in an emergency spectrum management plan of value to all spectrum users.

## 4. FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY

- a. Each Federal department and agency with spectrum-dependent systems having war emergency functions associated with them should review the current ERP dated October, 1985.
  - (1) If information reflecting war emergency requirements and spectrum priorities is current, complete, and accurate, notice of that status should be forwarded immediately.
  - (2) If war emergency information and priority indices are in need of revision, any changes, additions, or deletions should be reported promptly.

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(3) If at any subsequent time changes occur in the priorities or the planned war emergency use of spectrum dependent systems, or new information is available that would enhance the value of the listing, such information also should be reported promptly.

In each case, status advice or new information should be forwarded to the NTIA Office of Spectrum Management, through the entity's IRAC representative, at the address shown in Paragraph number 5.

- b. If an entity is authorized by NTIA to operate on certain frequencies, and no war emergency use and priority are associated with that authorization, an assumption will be made in planning that no war emergency use is contemplated. Therefore, any other systems which show a spectrum priority (including that of "00"), and which operate on frequencies that may be incompatible, will be appropriately protected.
- 5. <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>. Additional information about the ERP is available from each agency IRAC representative or NTIA, Office of Spectrum Management, Room 4706 HCHB, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone 202/377-0805.
- 6. <u>Distribution</u>. This circular is distributed to heads of Federal departments and agencies, and IRAC representatives.

7. <u>Effective Date.</u> issuance.

This circular shall be effective upon

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information